



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 198

February Session, 2012

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AN ACT CONCERNING DESECRATION OF WAR OR VETERANS' MEMORIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument when
3 such person, without authorization of the government body or
4 veterans' organization responsible for the placement, control or
5 maintenance of a war or veterans' memorial or monument,
6 intentionally defaces, mutilates or destroys such memorial or
7 monument, or removes such memorial or monument, or any part
8 thereof, from its official location.

9 (b) Interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument is a
10 class D felony and any person found guilty under subsection (a) of this
11 section shall be fined five thousand dollars.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A person is guilty of the
13 unlawful possession, purchase or sale of a war or veterans' memorial
14 or monument when such person possesses or purchases or attempts to
15 purchase or sells, offers for sale or attempts to sell, or transfers or
16 disposes of a war or veterans' memorial or monument, or any part
17 thereof, knowing that it has been unlawfully removed from its official
18 location.

19 (b) Unlawful possession, purchase or sale of a war or veterans'
20 memorial or monument is a class D felony and any person found
21 guilty under subsection (a) of this section shall be fined five thousand
22 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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